

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A) (56)


TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 24, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution Urging the Federal
Government to Provide
Fair and Equitable
Treatment to Haitian
Migrants

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez, Commissioner Katy Sorenson and Senator Javier D. Souto.



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Please note any items checked.

_____ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised

_____ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing

_____ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing

_____ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget

_____ Budget required

_____ Statement of fiscal impact required

_____ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation

_____ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing

_____ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)

_____ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor

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Veto _____

04-24-07

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO
PROVIDE FAIR AND EQUITABLE TREATMENT TO HAITIAN
MIGRANTS

WHEREAS, Haitian migrants who reach U.S. shores can only stay in the U.S. if they prove a claim for political asylum; and

WHEREAS, Haitian migrants generally are viewed as economic rather than political migrants, even though the political realities in Haiti are that some people do in fact face political persecution; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. has a policy of keeping Haitian migrants in custody while their status is being reviewed, while other migrants are oftentimes released to relatives or sponsors; and

WHEREAS, Haitian migrants should receive fair and equitable treatment as well as due process,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the federal government to provide fair and equitable treatment to Haitian migrants.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 Federal Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez, Commissioner Katy Sorenson and Senator Javier D. Souto and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 24th day of April, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

JMM

Jess M. McCarty